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REF: STATE 000496; GABORONE 0009; BOLEN-KWELAGOBÉ MEMCON,
DEC. 5, 1974; GABORONE 0027; THOMSEN-BERG LTR DEC. 20, 1974

1. PROF. MORGAN GRANT BEING EXTENDED FOR 2 MONTHS AT
COST OF DOLS 2440. POINT OF CLARIFICATION: AS IN THE CASE
OF ALL OUTGOING FULBRIGHTERS, MORGAN WAS ENCOURAGED BY CU
TO CONSIDER EXTENDING IF ALL FOLLOWING CONDITIONS MET:
UNIVERSITY AND EMBASSY APPROVE; AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS
AVAILABLE GIVEN OTHER PRIORITIES. IN HIS DEC. 9 LETTER,
MORGAN INDICATED HE WAS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN DOING SO.
BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, DEPT. MERELY SPECULATED HE
MIGHT RETURN TO U.S. DISILLUSIONED IF HIS REQUEST COULD NOT
BE ACCOMMODATED. WE GENERALLY BELIEVE A TWO-YEAR
FULBRIGHT EXPERIENCE IS MORE MEANINGFUL AND BENEFICIAL TO
ALL CONCERNED THAN ONE-YEAR, WHICH COULD EASILY MEAN
LEAVING JUST WHEN ONE IS BECOMING FULLY PRODUCTIVE.

2. RE PROF. ROTHCHILD: HIS QUALIFICATIONS SPEAK FOR
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THEMSELVES. OUR BEST GUESSTIMATE AT THIS POINT (NOT TO BE

CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT) IS THAT FY-76 CU FUNDING FOR COMBINED BLS WOULD BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF DOLS 130,000

(MAKING IT ONE OF LARGEST IN AFRICA). ONE OR TWO FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS AT ROMA AND/OR GABORONE WOULD NOT BE OUT OF LINE WITH THAT FUNDING LEVEL OR GENERAL PATTERN OF ACADEMIC/NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ACROSS AFRICA. HOWEVER, IF POST AND/OR UNIVERSITY NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT USE OF FUNDS IN THIS MANNER, WE ARE PREPARED TO DEFER TO POST'S JUDGMENT. NEED DECISION SOONEST IN ORDER INFORM ROTHCHILD. AID/W AS INDICATED IT UNABLE TO FUND.

3. CU CANNOT CONSIDER SCHOLARSHIPS IN RADIO JOURNALISM BECAUSE IT IS BFS POLICY NOT TO APPROVE CU STUDENT GRANTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY OR FOR MEDICAL OR DENTAL DEGREES. POST, T,ROUGH REGIONAL AID OFFICE, MAY WANT TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST TO AID/W RE FUNDING FOR RADIO JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIPS OR LONG-TERM IN-SERVICE TRAINING AT RADIO BOTSWANA.

4. CU/AF CAN ATTEMPT RECRUIT A STAG TO CONDUCT IN-SERVICE TRAINING AT RADIO BOTSWANA. IF POST AGREEABLE, COULD TRY TO INTEREST MAL JOHNSON WHO PROVIDED SIMILAR SERVICE LAST YEAR IN LESOTHO. IF STAG NEEDED FOR LESS THAN A MONTH AND COULD ALSO BE PROGRAMMED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, PROJECT COULD BE REGIONALLY FUDED. PLEASE ADVISE, INCLUDING PREFERRED TIMING.

5. FYI: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT CHARGED TO POS;

ALLOCATIONS, BUT TO CU/CP BUDGET.

6. FOR REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT, POST REQUESTED PROVIDE BY JAN. 15 FOLLOWING DATA ON MORGAN ASSIGNMENT: COURSES TAUGHT, NUMBER OF STUDENTS, COURSE LEVEL (GRAD, UNDERGRAD) AND FORMAT (CLASSES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ETC) AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS. KISSINGER

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